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### **INTERNET SAFETY FORUMS AT SHELDON HIGH SCHOOL**

SACRAMENTO –The United States Attorney's Office is sponsoring a series of Internet Safety presentations for parents, students and educators on **Tuesday, February 20, 2007, at Sheldon High School**, as part of its ongoing effort to better inform the community of potential dangers on the Internet and on how to keep kids safe as they surf on-line. The presentations are part of Project Safe Childhood, a United States Department of Justice initiative established last year to increase federal prosecutions of violent sexual predators and reduce Internet crimes against children. The forums are co-sponsored by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the California Coalition for Children's Internet Safety, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, the Sacramento County Office of Education, the Elk Grove Unified School District, the Sacramento County District Attorney's office, KCRA-TV, and three non-profit Internet safety vendors, WebWiseKids, iSafe, and NetSmartz.

Tuesday's presentations will be held at Sheldon High School at 8333 Kingsbridge Drive in Elk Grove, and are co-sponsored by the California Coalition for Children's Internet Safety, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Sacramento County Office of Education, the Elk Grove Unified School District, the Sacramento County District Attorney's office, KCRA-TV, and three non-profit Internet safety vendors, WebWiseKids, iSafe, and NetSmartz. Parents, educators, and community members from throughout the entire Sacramento County area are invited to attend, to hear law enforcement officers and victims discuss the potential dangers of unbridled Internet surfing, the use of chat rooms, and social networking sites. Parents will also receive tips on how to help keep their kids safe as they use the Internet. Speakers will include Elk Grove Unified Superintendent Steven M. Ladd, Ed.D., Sacramento County District Attorney Jan Scully, United States Attorney McGregor Scott, law enforcement officers who investigate Internet crimes against children, and a teen who almost fell prey to an online predator. The evening forum is open to adults only.

Earlier that same day, presentations will be held for students at Sheldon High School. Students will hear from Internet safety trainer Travis Dellinger from iSafe, a non-profit Internet Safety software manufacturer. Mr. Dellinger, himself a former high school math teacher, will discuss the dangers kids face while online, and will provide students with information on how they can protect themselves while on the Internet. Students will also view Sheldon High theater students perform a student-written play about the dangers of MySpace. The play, written by

Sheldon student Cynthia Nguyen and called “The Space Between,” won a gold medal at the 2007 Lenaea Festival held at California State University at Sacramento earlier this year.

**WHO:**            **McGregor W. Scott, United States Attorney, Eastern District of California**  
                     **Steven M. Ladd, Ed.D., Elk Grove Unified Superintendent**  
                     **Jan Scully, Sacramento County District Attorney**

**WHEN:**        **Tuesday, February 20, 2007, 6:00 p.m.**

**WHERE:**      **Sheldon High School**  
                     **8333 Kingsbridge Drive**  
                     **Elk Grove, CA**